

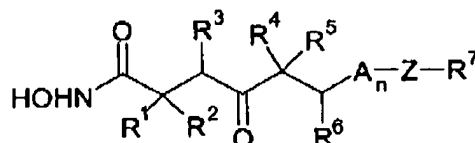
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Claim Listing:

1. (Currently amended) A compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (I):



wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are, independently of each other, hydrogen or alkyl;

R² is: (i) cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocyclo or heterocycloalkyl; or

(ii) -(alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -O-, -NR⁸-, -S(O)_n- (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -CONR⁸-, -NR⁸SO₂- or -C(=NR⁸)NR⁸SO₂- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or

(iii) (alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -NR⁸CO- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or

(iv) R² and R³ form an alkylene or heteroalkylene chain;

R³ is hydrogen or alkyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

R⁵ is:

(i) hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X¹ where X¹ is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R'' (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); or

(ii) R⁵ and R⁴ form an alkylene chain; or

(iii) R⁵ and R⁶ form an alkylene chain;

n is 0 or 1;

A is -(C=O)-CH(R⁹)-(CH₂)_m-N(R¹⁰)- wherein:

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m is an integer from 0-5 inclusive;

R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or $-(\text{alkylene})-C(O)-X^1$ where X^1 is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or $NR'R''$ (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); and

R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl;

Z is $Y-B^2$ wherein:

Y is alkylene or a bond; and

B^2 is $-\text{CONR}^8-$, $-\text{SO}_2-$, or $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^8-$ (where R^8 is hydrogen or alkyl), alkylene (optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, monoalkylamino, or dialkylamino) or a bond;

R^7 is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

provided that when $n = 0$ and Z is SO_2 , then R^2 does not contain an imidazole group; and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts ~~[[.]] prodrugs, individual isomers, and mixtures of isomers.~~

2. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:

n is 0.

3. (Original) The compound of Claim 2 wherein R^3 and R^6 are hydrogen.

4. (Original) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:

R^2 is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

5. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 4 wherein:

Z is $-\text{S}(O)_2-$.

6. (Original) The compound of Claim 5 wherein:

Z is $-\text{C}(O)O-$ or $-\text{S}(O)_2-$.

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7. (Original) The compound of Claim 6 wherein, R^2 is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolyl methyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.
8. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein R^2 is 4-thiazolylmethyl.
9. (Original) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
 R^7 is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.
10. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
 R^7 is optionally substituted benzyl.
11. (Original) The compound of Claim 9 wherein:
 Z is $-SO_2-$ and R^7 is aryl or heteroaryl.
12. (Original) The compound of Claim 10, wherein:
 R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.
13. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 12 wherein R^5 is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.
14. (Original) The compound of Claim 11, wherein:
 R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.
15. (Original) The compound of Claim 14 wherein R^5 is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.
16. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:
 R^2 is (alkylene)- B^1 -X where B^1 is $-O-$, $-NR^8-$, $-S(O)_n-$ (where n is 0, 1 or 2), $-C=O$, $-CONR^8-$, $-NR^8CO_2-$, $-NR^8SO_2-$ or $-C(=NR^8)NSO_2-$, $-C(=NR^8)NR^8SO_2-$ (where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

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17. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 16, wherein:

Z is $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$.

18. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 17, wherein

R^2 is $\text{CH}_2-\text{B}^1-\text{X}$ and B^1 is $-\text{NHCO}_2-$ and X is benzyl.

19. (Original) The compound of Claim 18 wherein:

R^7 is aryl or aralkyl.

20. (Original) The compound of Claim 19, wherein:

R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

21. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 20 wherein R^5 is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

22. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:

n is 1.

23. (Original) The compound of Claim 22 wherein m is 0 and R^3 and R^6 are hydrogen.

24. (Original) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:

R^2 is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

25. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 24, wherein:

Z is $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$.

26. (Original) The compound of Claim 25, wherein:

Z is $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$ or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$.

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27. (Original) The compound of Claim 26 wherein R^2 is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolyl methyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.
28. (Original) The compound of Claim 27 wherein R^2 is 4-thiazolylmethyl.
29. (Original) The compound of Claim 28 wherein:
 R^7 is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.
30. (Canceled)
31. (Original) The compound of Claim 29 wherein:
 Z is $-SO_2-$ and R^7 is aryl.
- 32-33. (Canceled)
34. (Original) The compound of Claim 31, wherein:
 R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.
35. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 34 wherein R^5 is [(S,S)-] 1-methylpropyl.
36. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:
 R^2 is (alkylene)- B^1 -X where B^1 is $O-$, $-NR^8-$, $-S-$, $-C=O$, $-CONR^8-$, $-NR^8CO_2-$, $-NSO_2-$ or $-C(=NR^8)NSO_2-$ (where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.
37. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein:
 Z is $-S(O)_2-$.
38. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R^2 is CII_2-B^1-X and B^1 is

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-NHCO₂- and X is benzyl.

39. (Original) The compound of Claim 38 wherein:

R⁷ is aryl or aralkyl.

40. (Original) The compound of Claim 39, wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

41. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 40 wherein R⁵ is [(S,S)-] 1-methylpropyl.

42. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

43-47. (Canceled)

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